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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Yasuhiro OKUMOTO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1762
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Application No.: 10/539,246)	
)	Examiner: Empie, Nathan H.
Filed: May 9, 2006)	
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For: PROCESSING METHOD AND)	Confirmation No.: 9261
PROCESSING APPARATUS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2008, the period for response to which extends through May 26, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2.